

## THE 54th CONGRESS.

## Meeting of the Long Session at Noon Yesterday

## Many New Faces in the Senate and Young Men in the House.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Fifty-fourth congress began its session at noon to day with crowded galleries and many other manifestations of acute interest in its proceedings, including, of course, the inevitable floral decorations. For the third time in the last 25 years, the popular will found expression in a reversal of political dominance and the new congress was called to order with Democratic ascendancy in the senate on the point of disappearing and the house overwhelmingly Republican. There were 26 new faces among the senators, not counting Olin of Texas, who re-occupies a seat he once held before by appointment, and there were in addition 13 re-elected senators to be sworn in by Vice President Stevenson as their own successors, and the hold-over senators, whose terms will expire two years from now. Some of the most prominent, including Blackburn, Brice, Hill, Voorhees, Vest and Pfeiffer, took their seats to-day with the shadow hanging over them of strong probability that their places may be filled by others when this congress expires. In the house of representatives, the changes were still more marred. One of the features which provoked comment from the galleries was the youthful appearance of many of the new members. Several States have sent as representatives men who are still in their twenties. Probably two score of others are under 40. In point of age the present house is the youngest known to the history of American legislation. These boyish appearing members, bright-faced, intelligent-looking, well groomed, well mannered and well dressed, college men most of them, presented a striking contrast in their youthful appearance to their veteran associates such as Grovernor of Ohio, whose flowing white beard gives him a venerable appearance disproportionate to his age; to Grow of Pennsylvania, hale, hearty and vigorous, despite his 70 and odd years; to Culberson of Texas, now entering upon his eleventh term, and others of the house veterans whose political prospects were not temporarily submerged in the November elections of 1894.

## HOUSE ORGANIZATION.

The machinery for the organization of the house of representatives worked in very satisfactory manner without the slightest jar. Mr. Reed of Maine, in pursuance of the unanimous decision of the Republican caucus, was elected to the speakership by a vote of 234 as against 95 for Mr. Crisp of Georgia, the Democratic candidate; six for Mr. Bell of Colorado, the Populist candidate, and one for Mr. Culberson of Texas. The six votes for the Populist candidate were given by Messrs. Barker of Kansas, Howard of Alabama, Kem of Nebraska and Shiford, Skinner and Stroud of North Carolina. The vote for Mr. Culberson was given by his colleague, Mr. Crain, this being the only deviation from party programme. Mr. Reed's speech, in taking the chair, was brief and incisive. He would not speak for the past, the past could speak for itself. Nor would he speak for the future, as they were not now putting off the harness, but putting it on, but he suggested that those who had acted with wisdom in the past might be fairly expected to act with wisdom in the future.

After the oath of office had been administered to the speaker and all the members, the next step in the Republican programme, the election of house officers, was taken, and Messrs. McDowell, of Pennsylvania, Russell, of Missouri, Glenn, of New York, McElroy, of Ohio, and Clouston, of Michigan, were chosen as clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster and chaplain, respectively. The rules of the Fifty-first congress, popularly known as the Reed rules, were adopted for the government of the house in the present, after an assurance from Mr. Cannon (Republican) of Illinois, who had offered the resolution that they would hereafter be referred to the committee on rules, and that the house would have an opportunity to discuss the report of the committee. The assurance seemed to satisfy Mr. Crisp, who had raised the question, and the matter went through without further contention.

After some further preliminary proceedings and a drawing for seats in the usual manner, and in which drawing many of the prizes fell to some of the least known of the members, and many of the blanks to some of the most distinguished, the house at 3.35 p. m., adjourned until to-morrow at noon, and the clerk gave notice of a Democratic caucus immediately.

Mr. Lyman (Rep.) of Michigan had the honor of introducing the first bill in the Fifty-fourth congress. The measure provides for a re-classification of railway postal clerks. Under it they are divided into 10 classes. Those of the first class are to receive a salary of \$800 per year from which sum their salaries are graded up to \$1,800 per annum for the tenth grade. Promotions are to be based solely upon efficiency.

## SOUTH CAROLINA IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Just before the Senate convened to day there was a report circulated to the effect that Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, would interpose an objection to the swearing in of Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, who succeeds the Ex-Chesterfield of the Senate, Matthew C. Butler. There are several petitions or memorials pending before the Senate now, urging the Senate to investigate Senator Tillman's right to a seat in that body, charging that his election was illegal. The documents were drawn by Dr. Sampson Pope and other Anti-Tillmanites in South Carolina, and they were presented to the Senate by Senator Butler and referred to the committee on election.

Senator Tillman's friends in the House were greatly agitated over the report that Senator Chandler might oppose the formal seating of their champion and leader, for it was feared he might make a scene that might operate to his disadvantage. Consequently when the name of Senator Tillman was read out by the secretary among the list of Senators-elect, who were invited to come forward and qualify, interest at once centered around the South Carolinian, while many glances were directed toward the "peppery" Senator from New Hampshire. Senator Irby, who is the colleague of Senator Tillman, being absent, Senator George, of Mississippi, volunteered to go through the ceremony of escorting the new Senator from South Carolina to the Vice President's desk, where the oath of office was administered. So much has been said and written about Ben Tillman that he was an object of considerable curiosity as he advanced down the aisle, leaning on the arm of Senator George. Senator Chandler apparently paid no attention to the proceeding and Senator Tillman was sworn in without a murmur of objection. Then, to the surprise of all present who had heard the original report, Senator Tillman went over to Senator Chandler and greeted him as though they were old acquaintances, and the incident, so far as Senator Tillman is concerned was closed.

## Lash of the Law.

## The Club Raiders Made to Feel Its Sting.

Special to The State.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 2.—Judge Simonson has rendered his decision in the much-talked of Columbia club case, being the contempt proceedings brought by the Messrs. Gonzales and other members of the club against the constables and the Columbia police officers, for raiding the clubrooms and seizing liquors brought from without the State for private use, in violation of Judge Simonson's order of injunction in the case of James Donald vs. J. M. Scott. The raid was made last August and the hearing took place in Columbia last week. Clubmen throughout the State are deeply interested in the case. The decision is a complete victory for the club and club members all over the State will feel an interest in the matter. The decision is rendered after a special referee had taken all the testimony. It is a fine victory for H. Cowper, Patton Esq., the Columbia attorney who represented the complainants.

The decision was filed this morning and covers nine typewritten pages. Briefly stated, Judge Simonson holds that the police officers were merely present as officers to preserve the peace and he orders their discharge. He further orders State Commissioner Mixson to return to the members of the club the liquor seized by the constables, and orders that the United States marshals take Constables Speed, Davis and Lafar into custody and hold them until they have paid the entire costs of the proceedings. The papers in the case are to be served immediately.

## The S. C. Mexican Veterans in Atlanta.

Before leaving for Atlanta, Col. Blanding on last Monday, received a telegram from Gov. Joe. Gray Evans, saying that he desired to have the veterans head the South Carolina column on Thanksgiving day. Col. Blanding replied that the Palmetto Regiment survivors were subject to his orders and that he would report to Gov. Evans in Atlanta.

The South Carolina Board of Women have invited the veterans to rendezvous in the South Carolina room of the Woman's Building, where the Jackson vase belonging to the Regiment is now on exhibition. Col. Blanding, who left Tuesday morning, carried the Regimental flag given to the Regiment by Gen. W. O. Butler; also the spear head of the flag made by the ladies of Charleston, and given to the Regiment by the City Council. The flag itself was lost at the time of Sherman's march through the state.

Col. Blanding says he hardly thinks there will be more than 10 or 12 of the 35 or 36 survivors. The boys are too old and feeble, most of them having passed their three score, ten and five years.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Ocala, Ind. Ter. Banner, when his little girl, two years of age was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Dr. A. J. China.

A Pencil and a Pencil Sharpener for ten cents at H. G. Osteen & Co's.

## RECORD BREAKING MILL.

## The Achievement of the New Richland Mills.

The Richland Cotton Mills have broken the record for early shipments of goods to market. This mill has made its first shipment of goods from three to six months earlier than mills of its size are usually able to do. It is a beginning that President Whaley has every reason to feel proud of. The mill is now running right along and President Whaley says, "The prospects with the present market are all that can be desired."

The State has been presented with a sample of the excellent product of the mill, a beautiful specimen of fine goods, which will be displayed in the office windows to-day, so that he who runs may read the signs of the times. The texture and finish of the cloth is unusually fine.

Terse expressed the record of this mill is as follows, and it speaks for itself:

On Monday, Feb. 4, 1895, the Richland Cotton Mills organized by electing a board of directors and other officers. The first call of 20 per cent. of the amount subscribed to the capital stock was made on Feb. 15.

The board of corporators received the charter for the mill on the 18th of Feb., 1895.

On the first of each consecutive month a call of 10 per cent was issued to each shareholder to be paid on the 15th. The calls were paid up very promptly.

On Feb. 20 work on the site was commenced, all orders for material and machinery having been placed. Brick work begun on March 6th. From that time the work was pushed rapidly to completion.

On Oct. 5, at three minutes of 2 p. m., cotton was started through the openers, and, although delayed by some tardy machinery and repairs to the looms, which were caused by some minor parts going wrong, cloth was made and work was pushed so that a shipment of nine bales of 43 twills was made on Nov. 28, 1895, "Thanksgiving day," over the South Carolina and Georgia, by steamer to New York, they thus reaching New York yesterday, Dec. 2, 1895; exactly two days less than 10 months from the organization of the company, which was on the 4th of Feb., 1895.

If this has not been hustling, some good man, it is hoped, will explain what it may be termed.

The Carolina Mills Co., has not yet begun the construction of its mill, but it has secured the \$100,000 allowed by its charter, and, being so elated by this success, its promoters have called a meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock of the company to be held at 7.30 o'clock Friday evening, at the Canal Dime Savings bank, for the purpose of voting upon an increase of the capital stock of the company to \$250,000.—The State.

## Telegraphic Briefs.

November 27.

City Editor Howell, of the *Evening Times*, Huntington, W. Va., was horribly beaten by prize fighters yesterday.

Alexander Dumas is hopelessly ill at Paris.

Miss Edith Rockefeller, youngest daughter of John D. Rockefeller, and Herald F. McCormick were married at the Buckingham Hotel, New York, yesterday.

The United States Express Company has been levied upon by U. S. deputy of the U. S. District Court for Virginia, under a judgment for \$600,000 for non performance of contract.

Lloyd Montgomery, an 18-year old boy of Albany, Oregon, is in jail for the murder of his father and mother. He has confessed.

A fearful blizzard is prevailing in the Western States. From Buffalo, N. Y. westward a storm of wind, rain, sleet and snow swept the country, inflicting great damage. There was great loss of property and life on the lakes, where the storm was the fiercest for a long time. In parts of Michigan the snow is already twelve inches deep on the level.

One man was killed and eight horribly scalded by the explosion of a steam pipe in the basement of the Olympia theatre, New York, yesterday.

A dispatch from Shanghai says that the Chinese natives have destroyed the extensive French mission at Lih Siang, in the absence of the French gunboat, which is usually stationed in that vicinity.

Gibson, Ga., is at a high pitch of excitement over an attempt to lynch Balaam Hancock.

Dr. Sampson Pope has given a column interview to the *State* giving his views on the political situation. Among other things, he says that he has decided to join the Republican party.

Judge Moise, of New Orleans, on yesterday committed District Attorney Butler to the parish prison for contempt of court.

## SUMTER GETTING THERE.

## The Lamar Tobacco Warehouse Leased.

The Sumter Tobacco Warehouse Company has leased the Lamar Tobacco Warehouse and will run it in connection with the Sumter Tobacco Warehouse. Manager Brodgon is a hustler and is on the lookout all the time for opportunities to push Sumter to the front as a tobacco market.

The lease of the Lamar Warehouse is not a step forward, but a long jump to the very front. Sumter is getting there in all lines, but in the tobacco line particularly.

## Admitted to the Bar.

On motion of Mr. Marion Moise, Mr. Albert L. Moise, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of Virginia, was sworn and enrolled by the Supreme Court at the regular session Monday.

Mr. Albert L. Moise is so well known here that nothing can be said concerning him, without being guilty of telling the readers of this paper what they know already. He enters upon the practice of the law after an unusually thorough preparation. He is a graduate of the Law School of the University of Virginia and has studied in the office of Lee & Moise where he has had every opportunity to become familiar with the practical details of the business side of the profession. Those who know him best are satisfied that he will achieve distinction in his chosen profession.

## The Magazines.

*Harper's Magazine* for December is one of the handsomest Christmas editions that magazine has ever issued, which is the highest praise that could be bestowed upon it. The contents of this number fully satisfy the expectation raised by the announcement of the number made last month. The first of the series of papers by Caspar W. Whitney, giving account of his trip to the Barren Lands in northernmost North America, is filled with vivid descriptions and promises to grow more interesting in succeeding papers. The first installment of Black's new story excites strong interest and it may prove his best. The short stories and sketches are all good and well worth reading.

Two very important facts in connection with the new era of magazines are illustrated in the December *Cosmopolitan*. Its fiction is by Stevenson, the last story written before his death, "Ouida," Sarah Grand, Zangwill, and the beginning of James Lane Allen's new Kentucky realistic story, "Butterflies." Probably no stronger array of fiction has ever been presented in any magazine—money could not buy better. Nor has any magazine ever had a larger number of really distinguished artists engaged upon the illustration of a single number. The reader might be puzzled to know how such a number can be made at the price of ten cents. But the magazine itself affords the solution. It contains 139 pages of advertisement, which, as the publishers announce, is from \$4000 to \$8000 more net cash advertising than was ever before printed in any magazine, of any kind, and in any country. It breaks the world's record in the publishing business.

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Clinton,	8 65	6 35	4 10
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Abbeville,	6 40	4 70	3 40
Calhoun Falls,	5 65	4 15	3 10

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